

Abstract

An inflator (10) comprising a housing (40) that includes at least one exit port (64) and a container (12) in which is stored a fluid (34) under pressure.

5       The container (12) is located in the housing (40) and has opposite first and second ends (14 and 16). A tool (62) is located in the housing (40) adjacent the first end (14) of the container (12) for opening the first end (14) of the container (12). A pyrotechnic device 10      (102) is located adjacent the second end (16) of the container (12) and is actuatable for propelling the container (12) through the housing (40) and into contact with the tool (62) so as to cause the tool (62) to open the first end (14) of the container (12) and 15      enable a flow of fluid (34) from the container (12) toward the at least one exit port (64) of the housing (40).